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Please amend the Application and consider the remarks as hereafter provided.

This is a clean copy of the specification and claims. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

In the Specification:

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FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to computerized information systems and more particularly to web-enabled computer implemented financial modeling systems.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Financially prudent individuals help develop financial plans that will aid them in achieving their financial goals. More recently, some individuals have increasingly relied upon computer-based systems that organize their financial assets and liabilities and further provide them with a summary of their financial health. However, these systems tend to focus on the administrative aspects of financial planning without enabling the user to make reasoned choices